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JIM PHELAN NEW DONS COACH ('48)

The Los Angeles Mirror

DONS SIGN TALIAFERRO ('49)

Here We Go Again

by Don Ameche

President, Los Angeles Dons

If the 1949 Los Angeles Dons can do as well by you gentlemen of the press, radio, and television, and the public you so faithfully serve, as you have done by us we can start nailing the Conference flag to our home mast right now.

Each year we've had hopes for a championship team. Each year those hopes have been based more on the optimism of a youthful enterprise than on cold reality. Naturally those hopes have been dashed each year against the rocks of the Cleveland Browns and San Francisco 49ers. But even including these twin nemeses, the Dons have played better than .500 football in the three years of our existence.

Good, yes. But not good enough.

Yet, in the face of the fact that the Dons have never come near a Conference title, our draw at the boxoffice has been surprisingly good.

And it is precisely for the development of this interest in the Dons that we thank you gentlemen of press, radio and television.

Now to 1949, and our prospects for this season.

1. This reason is technical, but nonetheless important. For the first three years of its existence, the All-America Football Conference was divided into Eastern and Western divisions, with the winners in each division meeting in a title playoff. **This year the geographical setup has been abandoned. The four top teams in the Conference will meet in the pennant playoffs. Since the Dons have usually finished fourth or better, we figure to enter the playoffs and get a crack at that title.**

2. Jimmy Phelan, a single-wing coach, made his pro debut last season with a squad drafted specifically to play the "T." In football familiarity breeds champions.

3. Our rookie roster is brilliant, and each man has been selected to obliterate a specific weakness. For instance, the Dons have always been powerful—and slow. This year we have secured at least seven rookies who can turn a ten-flat century.

We've spared no expense, no effort, in combing the country. We've assembled the parts, and Jim Phelan is carefully building his title machine. That machine may get stalled, but I think not. **All aboard.**

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1949 Dons' Schedule

All Home Games in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
(1948 Scores in parentheses)

Fri.	**Sept.**	**2**	**BALTIMORE (29) at LOS ANGELES (14).**
Fri.	**Sept.**	**9**	**CHICAGO (28) at LOS ANGELES (49).**
Sun.	**Sept.**	**18**	**Los Angeles (14) at San Francisco (36).**
Thur.	**Sept.**	**22**	**Los Angeles (6) at New York (38).**
Sun.	**Oct.**	**2**	**Los Angeles (14) at Cleveland (19).**
Sun.	**Oct.**	**9**	**BUFFALO (35) at LOS ANGELES (21).**
Fri.	**Oct.**	**14**	**CLEVELAND (31) at LOS ANGELES (14).**
Sun.	**Oct.**	**23**	**Los Angeles (27) at Buffalo (20).**
Fri.	**Oct.**	**28**	**Los Angeles (7) at Chicago (0).**
Sun.	**Nov.**	**13**	**SAN FRANCISCO (38) at LOS ANGELES (21).**
Sun.	**Nov.**	**20**	**Los Angeles (17) at Baltimore (14).**
Thur.	**Nov.**	**24**	**NEW YORK (10) at LOS ANGELES (20).**

Home game starting times:
Sunday games at 2:00 p.m.
Friday games at 8:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day game at 11:30 a.m.

Ticket Information

Season Tickets

Club Section (50-yard line)	$21.60
Booster Section (35-yard line)	$15.00

Individual Home Games

Club Section (50-yard line)	$ 3.60
Booster Section (35-yard line)	$ 2.50
General Admission	$ 1.50
Kids under 12 G.A. Section	50¢
High School Rooting Section	25¢

Tickets on sale at over 30 convenient agencies.
Call Jack Savage, MAdison 6-2295 for further information.

Jim Phelan's 30th Year and His 31st

James Michael Phelan, a silver-thatched gentleman of Gaelic extraction, last year celebrated his 30th year as a head coach of football by joining the major-league professional ranks with the Los Angeles Dons.

In order to do this, Phelan resigned as president of the American Football Coaches Association and head coach at St. Mary's College. He also left behind him a brilliant legacy of achievement.

This man, who stepped directly out of Notre Dame and an Army hitch in World War I into one of the nation's top collegiate coaching posts at Missouri, won 140 games while losing only 88 in his 29 years of college coaching. This record was achieved under very unfavorable circumstances. Phelan's clubs were always the Davids facing the Goliaths of Big Ten and Coast Conference football.

At Purdue in 1929, Phelan led the underdog Boilermakers to their first Big Ten title in history, winning eight games while losing none. The next year he moved on to the University of Washington, and promptly made

PHELAN'S FOOTBALL CHRONOLOGY

1911-13:	**High school football at Columbia University in Portland, Oregon.**
1915-17:	**Varsity football at Notre Dame. Captain in '17 and later called "the smartest quarterback I ever coached" by Knute Rockne.**
1919-21:	**Head coach at Missouri. Won title in first season. (18-4-2).**
1922-29:	**Head coach at Purdue. Won Big Ten title in 1929. Developed three All-Americans. Introduced "Old Oaken Bucket" as symbol of Purdue-Indiana rivalry. (35-22-5)**
1930-41:	**Head coach at Washington. Won P.C.C. in 1936. Seven All-Americans. (64-37-8)**
1942-47:	**Head coach at St. Mary's. Phelan's giant-killers played in three Bowl games. Developed All-American Wedemeyer. (23-25-1)**
1948-49:	**Head coach, Los Angeles Dons. (7-7-0)**

Howard Jones' U.S.C. Trojans his particular "cousins." Since the Trojans were the traditional titans of the west, Phelan's record of seven wins and only five losses was spectacular. The Huskies went to the Rose Bowl in 1936.

Phelan's record at small St. Mary's was equally illustrious.

Four football innovations credited to Phelan are: calling defensive signals with the fingers, development of the weak

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side spinner attack from the Notre Dame box, first end-around play from the box, and first use of silk football pants.

So Jimmy Phelan came to the Los Angeles Dons in his 30th year as head coach. That was 1948, and he won seven games and lost seven. Not, on the face of it, a remarkable record, but it becomes remarkable when you consider that he introduced his famed single-wing and spread to a squad of players familiar only with the "T." Add to that the fact that his great star, Glenn Dobbs, was disabled in the crucial part of the season.

And what of Phelan's 31st year as a coach, the one which lies immediately ahead?

To forecast the future, a study of the past is often revealing. A study of Jim Phelan's past reveals that he has never yet failed to produce a champion.

PHELAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY

Married the former Lucille Evans in Columbus, Missouri, in 1922. Phelans have been blessed with three children; two grown daughters, Kathleen and Jeanette; and a son, Michael James, in high school.

EARL "DUTCH" CLARK . . BACKFIELD COACH

With justifiable pride, the Los Angeles Dons last June announced that "Dutch" Clark had been persuaded to come out of football retirement to take over guidance of the club's backfield.

Clark's story is one of a player who came into his own in major league football. In 1928, as a back at small Colorado College, "Dutch" made the Associated Press All-America team. He proved the wisdom of this selection by outshining the highly-praised talent in the Shrine Game of 1930.

But it was with the Detroit Lions of the NFL that Dutch hit his stride. From 1931 to 1936, the Lions' back was named to All-Pro honors. At the same time, Clark set records with the club which stand today. His marks include: most touchdowns . . . most extra points . . . most field goals and most total points scored. To this assortment of honors and mosts, Clark added a grand slam. His 73 points scored in one season (achieved twice) is still the top mark for a Detroit back.

In 1937, Clark took over as head coach of the Lions. Later, he moved his abilities to the former Cleveland Rams where he remained until 1942, when he left football to go into business in Colorado.

His love for the sport persisted, however, and the man whom Jimmy Phelan has described as one of the game's ablest is now with the Dons.

Dutch, his wife and their son will make their home in Eagle Rock.

MARTY KORDICK . . . . . LINE COACH

Since 1942, Marty Kordick and Jimmy Phelan have worked together in the business of producing football teams. This alliance began at St. Mary's seven years ago, when Phelan took over the Gaels as head coach.

Marty's football career began at Belmont High School in Los Angeles, where he played center. In 1931, he made All-Southern California honors.

The following year, Marty enrolled at St. Mary's and stepped into the center spot on the frosh squad. As a sophomore, he was shifted to guard by former St. Mary's mentor, Slip Madigan.

The change was obviously a happy one. Marty was a Gael regular for three seasons. In his senior year, he was selected for All-Pacific Coast honors and was named to several All-American teams. In San Francisco's 1937 Shrine game, Marty played 50 minutes against the East.

After graduation, Marty came to Los Angeles to coach at Cathedral High School. In 1940, he returned to St. Mary's, joining Red Strader's coaching staff.

The Dons' 36-year-old line coach is married and has a 10-year-old son, Marty, Jr. The Kordicks live in Arcadia.

JIM AUSTIN . . . . . END COACH

Another addition to the Dons' 1949 coaching staff is end coach Jim Austin of Los Angeles. Jim brings to the club pigskin know-how gained through more than 17 years association with the game.

At Hollywood High School, Jim began his football career as end on the varsity. In 1933, he entered St. Mary's where, after a year with the frosh, he was a Gael regular in 1934, '35 and '36.

Major league football was a logical step for Jim Austin. In 1937 and '38, he played with the former Brooklyn Dodgers of the National Football League. Then in 1939, he turned up as wingman for the NFL's Detroit Lions.

With the advent of World War II, Jim joined the army. In 1942, he was line coach of the powerful March Field service team.

After graduation from Officer Candidate School, Jim was re-assigned to the 4th Air Force. At Oahu, T.H., in 1945, he was line coach of Air Base eleven. By V-J Day, Jim had attained the rank of Captain.

He donned civilian clothes in time to join Jimmy Phelan's Galloping Gaels as end coach on their way to the Sugar Bowl at the close of the '45 season.

Since May, 1946, Jim has been a member of the Robbery Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. In order to take on the job of guiding the Dons' wingmen, he was granted a leave of absence.

Jim Austin, his wife and their 10½-year-old daughter make their home in Los Angeles.

TONY DE LELLIS . . . CHIEF PLAYER SCOUT

A young man with a nation-wide responsibility is Tony De Lellis, whose prospect file of over 2,000 is considered one of the most comprehensive in the conference.

In building this roster of grid potentials, Tony and his assistants must cover virtually every collegiate conference in the country. Daily, he sifts through a steady flow of reports from universities and field men, plus considerable motion picture footage of prospects.

Tony's broad background in football well equips him for the job. He began his football career at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, where in 1935, he was named All-CIF halfback.

Entering Loyola University in 1936, Tony figured prominently on Lion grid squads. After graduation he was appointed head football coach at Loyola High School and, in 1942, produced an undefeated team. The following year he took over as head coach and Athletic Director of his college alma mater.

War curtailed the Lions' athletic program and Tony became an assistan director at Paramount. In 1945, he joined the Army as an infantryman. Honorably discharged, he resumed his former position at Loyola and then, in 1947, came to the Dons. The 32-year-old player scout resides in Los Angeles.

Home Attendance Figures

DONS vs	1946	1947	1948
Baltimore	.....	25,148	40,019
Brooklyn	19,153	38,481	35,246
Buffalo	22,496	34,997	26,814
Chicago	17,458	20,856	31,119
Cleveland	21,576	45,099	60,031
Miami	19,585	.....	.....
New York	12,123	82,675*	35,665
San Francisco	11,736**	54,974	35,665
Totals:	124,127	302,230	287,676

**Played at Gilmore Stadium. All other games in Los Angeles Coliseum.

*All-time major league football crowd record.

Road Attendance Figures: 1946—193,625; 1947—243,240; 1948—211,256.

DONS ATTENDANCE MARKS

The Los Angeles Dons hold *two* of the three all-time professional attendance marks, with a crowd of 82,675 against the N. Y. Yankees in 1947, and an exhibition attendance of 81,383 against the S.F. 49ers on August 10, 1949.

All-America Football Conference Data

TEAM	COACH PUB. DIR.	STADIUM CAPACITY	COLORS	ADDRESS PHONE
Baltimore Colts	Cecil Isbell Ed Adams	Babe Ruth Stadium 43,000	Green and Silver	6 S. Howard St. SAratoga 4940
Buffalo Bills	Lowell Dawson Dick Stedler	Civic Stadium 36,426	Silver and Royal Blue	996 Ellicott Sq. Bldg. CLeveland 5215
Chicago Hornets	Ray Flaherty George Janda	Soldier's Field 59,178	Scarlet and White	28 E. Jackson Blvd. WEbster 9-4450
Cleveland Browns	Paul Brown Russ Gestner	Municipal Stadium 77,707	Brown, Orange and White	405 Leader Bldg. TOwer 1-0874
Los Angeles Dons	Jimmy Phelan Ted Bentley	Memorial Coliseum 105,000	Red, White and Blue	607 S. Hill St. MAdison 6-2295
New York Yankees	Norman Strader Arthur Mann	Yankee Stadium 72,980	Silver and Navy Blue	15 E. 58th St. VOlunteer 5-5000
San Francisco 49ers	Buck Shaw Robert McGee	Kezar Stadium 59,636	Cardinal and Silver	212 Stockton St. DOuglas 2-3812

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All-Conference Teams

The All-Conference teams are chosen by the votes of the coaches and members of the press, as well as the radio and television announcers actually covering games. One point is awarded for first team selection and a half point for the second team.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

1946.....Glenn Dobbs, Brooklyn, Halfback
1947.....Otto Graham, Cleveland, Quarterback
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1948.....Frankie Albert, San Francisco, Quarterback

1946

First Team	Pos.	Second Team
Lavelli, Cleveland (31½)	E	Russell, New York (18)
Beals, San Francisco (22)	E	Speedie, Cleveland (16)
F. Kinard, New York (23½)	T	R. REINHARD, LOS ANGELES (19)
Ruby, Brooklyn (20½)	T	ARTOE, LOS ANGELES (16½)
Banducci, San Francisco (26)	G	RADOVICH, LOS ANGELES (16)
Willis, Cleveland (17½)	G	Jungmichel, Miami (11½)
NELSON, LOS ANGELES (15)	C	Scarry, Cleveland (14)
Graham, Cleveland (32½)	Q	Albert, San Francisco (20½)
DOBBS, Brooklyn (41½)	H	Hoernschemeyer, Chicago (12½)
Sanders, New York (36½)	H	Juzwik, Buffalo (11½)
Motley, Cleveland (30½)	F	Standlee, San Francisco (21)

1947

First Team	Pos.	Second Team
Speedie, Cleveland (50)	E	Beals, San Francisco (27)
Lavelli, Cleveland (27½)	E	Russell, New York (25)
Rymkus, Cleveland (34)	T	Ruby, Brooklyn (23½)
N. Johnson, New York (27½)	T	Woudenberg, San Francisco (23)
Banducci, San Francisco (41)	G	Barwegen, New York (29½)
Willis, Cleveland (31½)	G	LEVY, LOS ANGELES (8½)
NELSON, LOS ANGELES (35)	C	Sossamon, New York (19½)
Graham, Cleveland (47)	Q	Ratterman, Buffalo (19)
Sanders, New York (52)	H	Strzykalski, San Francisco (28)
Mutryn, Buffalo (30)	H	Young, New York (20½)
Motley, Cleveland (40½)	F	Standlee, San Francisco (24)

1948

First Team	Pos.	Second Team
Speedie, Cleveland (54½)	E	Lavelli, Cleveland (23½)
Beals, San Francisco (49)	E	A. Baldwin, Buffalo (16)
Rymkus, Cleveland (45½)	T	Woudenberg, San Francisco (28)
R. REINHARD, LOS ANGELES (38)	T	Ruby, Brooklyn (14½)
Barwegen, Baltimore (46)	G	Matheson, San Francisco (19½)
Willis, Cleveland (33)	G	Ulinski, Cleveland (13½)
NELSON, LOS ANGELES (32)	C	Saban, Cleveland (20)
Graham, Cleveland (46)	Q	Albert, San Francisco (44)
Strzykalski, San Francisco (48½)	H	DOBBS, LOS ANGELES (39)
Mutryn, Buffalo (45½)	H	Hillenbrand, Baltimore (25)
Motley, Cleveland (57)	F	Colmer, Brooklyn (12)

Dons' Three Season Records

DONS vs.	1946	1947	1948
Baltimore	See Miami	38-10 (A) 55-0 (H)	14-29 (H) 17-14 (A)
Brooklyn	20-14 (H) 19-14 (A)	48-21 (H) 16-12 (A)	17-7 (H) 17-0 (A)
Buffalo	21-21 (A) 62-14 (H)	25-27 (H) 0-25 (A)	21-35 (H) 27-20 (A)
Chicago	21-9 (A) 17-17 (H)	24-21 (A) 34-14 (H)	7-0 (A) 49-28 (H)
Cleveland	14-31 (A) 17-16 (H)	13-10 (A) 17-27 (H)	14-19 (A) 14-31 (H)
Miami	30-14 (H) 17-31 (H)	See Baltimore	See Baltimore
New York	17-31 (H) 12-17 (A)	14-30 (H) 13-16 (A)	20-10 (H) 6-38 (A)
San Francisco	14-23 (H) 7-48 (A)	14-17 (A) 16-26 (H)	14-36 (A) 21-31 (H)

Exhibition Game Scores

1946 Dons 7, San Francisco 17.
Dons 7, New York 21.

1947 Dons 17, Brooklyn 16.
Dons 14, San Francisco 7.

1948 Dons 27, Baltimore 21.
Dons 24, San Francisco 42.

1949 Dons 7, San Francisco 28.

All-America Football Conference Standings

1946

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
Cleveland	12	2	0	.857	423	137
San Francisco	9	5	0	.643	307	189
LOS ANGELES	7	5	2	.583	305	290
Chicago	5	6	3	.455	263	315

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
New York	10	3	1	.769	270	192
Brooklyn	3	10	1	.250	226	339
Buffalo	3	10	1	.250	249	370
Miami	3	11	0	.154	167	378

Championship Game: Cleveland (H) 14, New York 9.

1947

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
Cleveland	12	1	1	.923	410	185
San Francisco	8	4	2	.667	327	264
LOS ANGELES	7	7	0	.500	328	256
Chicago	1	13	0	.071	263	425

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
New York	11	2	1	.846	378	239
Buffalo	8	4	2	.667	320	288
Brooklyn	3	10	1	.231	181	340
Baltimore	2	11	1	.154	167	377

Championship game: Cleveland 14, New York (H) 3.

1948

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
Cleveland	14	0	0	1.000	389	190
San Francisco	12	2	0	.857	493	248
LOS ANGELES	7	7	0	.500	258	305
Chicago	1	13	0	.071	206	441

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points For	Points Opp.
Buffalo	8	7	0	.553	388	375
Baltimore	7	8	0	.467	350	359
New York	6	8	0	.429	265	302
Brooklyn	2	12	0	.143	253	387

Eastern Division Playoff: Buffalo 28, Baltimore (H) 17.
Championship game: Cleveland (H) 49, Buffalo 7.

Dons-Opponents Statistics

	1948		1946-47-48	
	Dons	Opp.	Dons	Opp.
First Downs	186	209	530	513
Rushing	78	125	256	272
Passing	93	70	239	203
Penalties	15	14	35	38
Total Yards Gained	4,051	5,024	12,100	12,445
Rushing	1,554	2,456	5,283	5,500
Passing	2,497	2,568	6,817	6,945
Number of Rushes	400	514	1,431	1,428
Average Gain per Rush	3.89	4.78	3.69	3.85
Forward Passes Attempted	406	344	1,028	938
Passes Completed	†195	164	512	459
Percent of Passes Completed	.480	.477	.498	.490
Passes had Intercepted	24	24	79	68
Percent of Passes had Intercepted	.059	.070	.077	.076
Yds. Interceptions Returned	295	206	933	1,059
Number of Punts	76	67	191	225
Average Yards per Punt	*47.2	40.70	45.5	39.3
Punts Returned by	‡44	52	140	118
Average per Punt Return	16.6	12.4	14.55	12.7
Kickoffs Returned by	56	45	168	159
Average per Kickoff Return	19.5	21.4	21.98	22.7
Number of Penalties	77	76	353	185
Yards Penalized	745	805	1,602	1,641
Fumbles	36	38	93	116
Own Fumbles Lost	16	16	42	163
Total Touchdowns	35	40	116	114
Touchdowns Running	14	16	57	51
Touchdowns Passing	21	24	59	63
Extra Points Scored	33	38	109	100
Field Goals Scored	5	7	26	19
Safeties Scored	0	3	4	4
Total Points Scored	258	305	941	851

*Best All-Time Major League Record.

†All-America Conference Record.

‡Best Record of Conference 1948.

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Total Offense

	Player	Plays	Yards Rushing	Yards Passing	Total
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	*460	539	2,403	†2,942
2	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	109	249	79	328
3	Walter Clay, f.	86	293	.....	293
4	John Kimbrough, f.	76	189	.....	189
5	Mike Graham, f.	19	69	.....	69
6	Jeff Durkota, h.	14	66	.....	66
7	Lin Sexton, h.	7	39	.....	39
8	Bill Reinhard, h.	11	31	.....	31
9	Harry Clarke, h.	6	22	.....	22
10	Bob Reinhard, t.	2	21	.....	21
11	Bob Mitchell, q.	4	—2	15	13
12	Len Masini, q.	3	12	.....	12
13	Walter Heap, q.	3	12	.....	12
14	Dick Oftele, q.	2	11	.....	11
15	Bob Kelly, h.	3	10	.....	10

*Best all time major league record.

†All-America Conference record.

All Time (1946-47-48) Total Offense

	Player	Years	Plays	Yards Rushing	Yards Passing	Total
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	597	629	3,053	3,682
2	Charlie O'Rourke, q.	'46-'47	431	105	2,699	2,804
3	John Kimbrough, f.	'46-'47-'48	329	1,224	.....	1,224
4	Angelo Bertelli, q.	'46	138	16	917	901
5	Chuck Fenenbock, h.	'46-'47	116	605	7	612
6	Harry Clarke, h.	'46-'47-'48	112	445	.....	445
7	Walter Clay, f.	'47-'48	95	335	.....	335
8	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	109	249	79	328
9	Bob Kelly, h.	'47-'48	54	215	.....	215
10	Bob Reinhard, t.-f.	'46-'47-'48	47	171	21	192

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Scoring

	Player	T.D. Runs	T.D. Pass	X Pt. Made	X Pt. Ms'd	F. G. Made	F. G. M'sd	Total Pts.
1	Joe Aguirre, e.	0	9	2	1	0	0	56
2	Ben Agajanian, k.	0	0	31	1	5	10	46
3	Len Ford, e.	0	7	0		0		42
4	John Kimbrough, f.	3	2	0		0		30
5	Glenn Dobbs, h.	4	0	0		0		24
6	Walter Clay, f.	3	1	0		0		24
7	Bill Reinhard, h.	2	0	0		0		12
8	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	0	2	0		0		12
9	Mike Graham, f.	1	0	0		0		6
10	Walter Heap, q.	1	0	0		0		6

All-Time (1946-47-48) Scoring

	Player	Years	T.D. Runs	T.D. Pass	X Pt. Made	X Pt. Ms'd	F. G. Made	F. G. M'sd	Total Pts.
1	John Kimbrough, f.	'46-'47-'48	17	6	....	....	....	....	138
2	Joe Aguirre, e.	'46-'47-'48	0	15	33	2	4	7	135
3	Ben Agajanian, k.	'47-'48	0	0	70	2	20	14	130
4	Chuck Fenenbock, h.	'46-'47	8	2	....		....		60
5	Dale Gentry, e.	'46-'47-'48	2	5	....		....		42
6	Len Ford, e.	'48	0	7	....		....		42
7	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	0	5	....		....		30
8	Bob Nowaskey, e.	'46-'47	1	3	....		....		24
9	Harry Clarke, h.	'46-'47-'48	2	2	....		....		24
10	Walter Clay, f.	'47-'48	3	1	....		....		24
11	Bob Nelson, c.	'46-'47-'48	1	1	3	2	2	4	21
12	Bob Kelly, h.	'47-'48	2	1	....		....		18
13	Walter Heap, q.	'47-'48	2	1	....		....		18
14	Bill Reinhard, h.	'47-'48	2	1	....		....		18
15	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	0	2	....		....		12
16	Mike Graham, f.	'48	1	0	....		....		6

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Rushing

	Player	Plays	Yards	Avg.
1.	Glenn Dobbs, h.	91	539	5.92
2.	Walter Clay, f.	86	293	3.41
3.	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	79	249	3.15
4.	John Kimbrough, f.	76	189	2.49
5.	Mike Graham, f.	19	69	3.63
6.	Jeff Durkota, f.	14	66	4.71
7.	Lin Sexton, h.	7	39	5.57
8.	Bill Reinhard, h.	6	31	5.17
9.	Harry Clarke, h.	6	23	3.66
10.	Bob Reinhard, f.	1	21	21.00
11.	Walter Heap, q.	3	12	4.00
12.	Len Masini, q.	3	12	4.00
13.	Dick Ottele, q.	2	11	5.50
14.	Bob Kelly, h.	3	10	3.33
15.	John Naumu, h.	1	0	0.00
16.	Bob Mitchell, q.	2	—2	—1.00
17.	Bob Nelson, c.	1	—7	—7.00

All-Time (1946-47-48) Rushing

	Player	Years	Plays	Yards	Avg.
1.	John Kimbrough, f.	'46-'47-'48	329	1224	3.73
2.	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	119	629	5.28
3.	Chuck Fenenbock, h.	'46-'47	108	605	5.60
4.	Harry Clarke, h.	'46-'47-'48	112	446	3.98
5.	Walter Clay, f.	'47-'48	95	335	3.53
6.	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	79	249	3.19
7.	Bob Kelly, h.	'47-'48	54	215	3.98
8.	Bob Reinhard, f.	'46-'47-'48	42	171	4.07
9.	Bert Piggott, h.	47	46	161	3.50
10.	Charlie O'Rourke, q.	'46-'47	71	105	1.47

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Passing

	Player	Att.	Comp.	Had Int.	Yards Gained	T.D. Passes	Avg.
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	*369	†185	20	2,403	21	.501
2	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	30	9	3	79	0	.300
3	Bob Mitchell, q.	2	1	1	15	1	.500
4	Bill Reinhard, h.	5	0	0	0	0	.000

*Best All-Time Major League Record.
†All-America Conference Record.

All-Time (1946-47-48) Passing

	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Had Int.	Yards Gained	T.D. Passes	Avg.
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	478	234	27	3,053	27	.490
2	Charlie O'Rourke, q.	'46-'47	360	194	30	2,699	25	.540
3	Angelo Bertelli, q.	'46	127	67	14	917	7	.527
4	Bob Mitchell, q.	'46-'47-'48	12	4	3	34	0	.333
5	Bill Reinhard, h.	'47-'48	5	0	0	0	0	.000
6	Bob Reinhard, f.	'46-'47-'48	4	2	0	21	0	.500

1948 Punting

		No.	Blkd.	Yards	Avg.
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	†68	3	†3,336	*49.1
2	Bob Reinhard, f.	6	0	204	34.0
3	John Naumu, h.	1	0	34	34.0
4	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	1	0	10	10.0

†All-America Conference Record.
*Best All-Time Major League Record.

All-Time (1946-47-48) Punting

		Years	No.	Blkd.	Yards	Avg.
1	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	98	4	4,666	47.6
2	Bob Reinhard, f.	'46-'47-'48	78	2	3,479	44.5
3	Charlie O'Rourke, q	'46-'47	8	0	312	39.0
4	Joe Aguirre, e.	'46-'47-'48	2	0	91	45.5
5	Angelo Bertelli, q.	'46	2	0	76	38.0
6	Bob Mitchell, q.	'46-'47-'48	1	0	44	44.0
7	John Naumu, h.	'48	1	0	34	34.0
8	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	1	0	10	20.0

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Pass Receiving

	Player	Number	Yards	Avg.	T.D.'s
1	Joe Aguirre, e.	38	599	15.8	9
2	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	a36	330	9.2	2
3	Len Ford, e.	31	598	a19.3	7
4	Dale Gentry, e.	28	318	11.0	0
5	John Kimbrough, f.	10	138	13.1	2
6	Burr Baldwin, e.	10	96	9.6	0
7	Walter Clay, f.	10	118	11.8	1
8	Bill Fisk, e.	9	102	11.3	0
9	Bill Reinhard, h.	5	48	9.6	0
10	Bob Reinhard, t.	4	54	13.5	0
11	Lou Mihajlovich, e.	4	42	10.5	0

a. Best Conference freshman mark.

All-Time (1946-47-48) Pass Receiving

	Player	Years	Number	Yards	Avg.	T.D.'s
1	Dale Gentry, e.	'46-'47-'48	74	1,011	13.66	5
2	Joe Aguirre, e.	'46-'47-'48	60	1,003	16.71	15
3	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	36	330	9.2	2
4	John Kimbrough, f.	'46-'47-'48	35	581	16.6	6
5	Len Ford, e.	'48	31	598	19.3	7
6	Chuck Fenenbock, h.	'46-'47	31	343	11.06	2
7	Bob Nowaskey, e.	'46-'47	27	304	11.27	3
8	Burr Baldwin, e.	'47-'48	22	371	16.86	1
9	Al Krueger, e.	'46	19	213	11.2	1
10	Harry Clarke, h.	'46-'47-'48	13	177	13.61	2
11	Walter Clay, f.	'47-'48	11	170	15.45	1
12	Ezzrett Anderson, e.	'47	11	126	11.5	1
13	Bob Kelly, h.	'47-'48	9	68	7.55	1
14	Bill Fisk, e.	'48	9	102	11.3	0

Dons' Individual Statistics

1948 Punt and Kickoff Returns

	Player	Punt Returns No.	Yds.	Avg.	Kickoff Returns No.	Yds.	Avg.
1	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	23	†368	16.00	11	240	21.81
2	Bill Reinhard, h.	16	276	17.20	2	41	20.50
3	Lin Sexton, h.	3	47	15.66	3	49	16.33
4	Harry Clarke, h.	1	16	16.00	1	17	17.00
5	Jeff Durkota, f.	....	.....	.....	9	198	22.00
6	John Naumu, h.	....	.....	.....	6	131	21.83
7	Mike Graham, f.	....	.....	.....	6	145	24.16
8	John Kimbrough, f.	....	.....	.....	4	54	13.60
9	Walt Clay, f.	....	.....	.....	4	48	12.00
10	Bob Reinhard, f.	1	23	23.00	3	51	17.00
11	Dick Ottele, q.	....	.....	.....	3	47	15.66
12	Glenn Dobbs, h.	....	.....	.....	2	38	19.00
13	Len Ford, e.	....	.....	.....	1	24	24.00
14	Joe Aguirre, e.	....	.....	.....	1	10	10.00

†All-America Conference record.

All-Time (1946-47-48) Punt and Kickoff Returns

	Player	Years	Punt Returns No.	Yds.	Avg.	Kickoff Returns No.	Yds.	Avg.
1	Chuck Fenenbock, h.	'46-'47	33	509	15.4	35	931	29.4
2	Herman Wedemeyer, h.	'48	23	368	16.0	11	240	21.81
3	Glenn Dobbs, h.	'47-'48	19	215	11.3	7	157	22.4
4	Harry Clarke, h.	'46-'47-'48	6	78	13.0	11	290	26.3
5	John Kimbrough, f.	'46-'47-'48	....	.....	.....	13	261	20.2
6	Jeff Durkota, f.	'48	....	.....	.....	9	198	22.0
7	Bob Kelly, h.	'47-'48	4	69	17.2	3	61	23.1
8	Mike Graham, f.	'48	....	.....	.....	6	145	24.16
9	John Naumu, h.	'48	....	.....	.....	6	131	21.83
10	Bert Piggott, h.	'47	1	7	7.00	5	120	24.0
11	Bob Mitchell, q.	'46-'47'48	....	.....	.....	6	119	19.8
12	Bob Reinhard, f.	'46-'47-'48	....	.....	.....	6	93	15.5
13	Lin Sexton, h.	'47-'48	3	47	15.66	3	49	16.33

1949 Los Angeles Dons Roster

CENTERS

No.	Name	Date of Birth	Ht.	Wt.	Yr. with Club	Birthplace	College
29	John Brown	4/ 9/22	6:4	232	3	Belen, Mississippi	North Carolina College
22	Bob Nelson	1/30/20	6:1	210	4	Emberson, Texas	Baylor University
27	Dick Woodard	7/26/26	6:2	220	1	Fort Dodge, Iowa	University of Iowa

GUARDS

30	Al Lolotai	6/22/21	6:0	230	4	Laie, Oahu, T.H.	Weber College
32	Knox Ramsey	2/13/26	6:1	216	2	Speed, Indiana	Wm. & Mary College
36	Ben Whaley	10/14/26	5:11	210	1	Richmond, Virginia	Virginia State

TACKLES

44	Ed Henke	12/13/27	6:3	217	1	Ontario, Calif.	U.S.C.
40	Ed Kelley	2/18/24	6:4	230	1	Sugarland, Texas	University of Texas
47	Mike Perrotti	6/12/23	6:3	245	2	Cleveland, Ohio	University of Cincinnati
45	Bob Reinhard	10/17/20	6:4	236	4	Hollywood, Calif.	University of California
48	Buddy Tinsley	8/16/24	6:4	245	1	Damon, Texas	Baylor University
41	Ernie Williamson	9/ 9/23	6:4	250	1	Crewe, Virginia	University of North Carolina

ENDS

57	Joe Aguirre	10/17/18	6:4	225	4	Rock Springs, Wy.	St. Mary's
52	Burr Baldwin	6/13/22	6:1	200	3	Bakersfield, Calif.	U.C.L.A.
50	Leonard Ford	2/18/26	6:4	235	2	Washington, D.C.	University of Michigan

53	Dale Gentry	7/ 2/19	6:3	202	4	Umapine, Oregon	Washington State
56	Lew Holder	10/10/23	6:0	191	1	Dallas, Texas	University of Texas
54	Dick Wilkins	9/28/25	6:2	192	1	Portland, Oregon	University of Oregon
55	Abner Wimberly	5/ 4/26	6:2	212	1	Oak Ridge, La.	Louisiana State

QUARTERBACKS

65	Dan Dworsky	10/ 4/27	6:0	211	1	Minneapolis, Minn.	University of Michigan
66	Wayne (Bob) Hoffman	12/13/17	6:1	220	1	Star City, West Va.	U.S.C.
60	George Murphy	5/10/27	6:0	200	1	Santa Monica, Calif.	U.S.C.

HALFBACKS

88	Harper (Julie) Davis	12/11/25	5:11	175	1	Clarksdale, Miss.	Mississippi State
95	Glenn Dobbs	7/12/22	6:4	214	3	McKinney, Texas	University of Tulsa
80	John Donaldson	8/22/25	5:10	180	1	Jesup, Georgia	University of Georgia
85	Bill Grimes	7/27/27	6:1	192	1	County Line, Okla.	Oklahoma A & M
97	Earl (Dixie) Howell	9/28/24	5:10	189	1	Talladega, Ala.	Ole Miss
82	Bob Kennedy	9/16/28	6:0	178	1	Weehawken, N. J.	University of North Carolina
92	Tom (Shorty) McWilliams	5/12/26	5:11	185	1	Newton, Miss.	Mississippi State
93	George Taliaferro	1/ 8/27	5:11	195	1	Halls, Tenn.	University of Indiana
99	Herman Wedemeyer	5/20/24	5:10	185	2	Hilo, T.H.	St. Mary's

FULLBACKS

76	Walt Clay	1 /8/24	5:11	198	3	Erie, Colorado	University of Colorado
73	Hosea Rodgers	12/25/21	6:1	192	1	Brewton, Alabama	University of North Carolina
77	Jim Spavital	9/15/26	6:1	215	1	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma A & M

(Correct as of 30 August, 1949)

Dons' Individual Records

Longest Plays

Rushing Play: 76 yards. Chuck Fenenbock, Brooklyn, '46.
Pass Play: 71 yards. Angelo Bertelli to Harry Clarke, Buffalo, '46.
Interception Return: 55 yards. Walter Heap, Baltimore, '47.
Fumble Return: 67 yards. Glenn Dobbs, New York, '47.
Punt Return: 86 yards. Bill Reinhard, Chicago, '48.
Kickoff Return: 97 yards. Chuck Fenenbock, San Francisco, '46.
Punt: 81yards. Bob Reinhard, San Francisco, '47.
Field Goal: †53 yards. Ben Agajanian, Baltimore, '47.

Consecutive Records

Passes Completed: 12. Charlie O'Rourke, '46.
Passes Attempted Without Interception: 70. Glenn Dobbs, '48.
Passes Completed Without Interception: 36. Glenn Dobbs, '48.
Pass Yards Gained Without Interception: 432. Charlie O'Rourke, '47.
Games Throwing Touchdown Passes: 8. Glenn Dobbs, '48.
Games Catching Passes: 13. Herman Wedemeyer, '48.
Games Catching Touchdown Passes: 3. Bob Seymour, '46; Joe Aguirre, '47 and '48; Len Ford, '48.
Points After Touchdown: 31. Ben Agajanian, '47.
Games Scoring: 14. Joe Aguirre, '46 and '47.

One Game Records

Yards by Rushing: 111 in 17 tries, John Kimbrough, Chicago, '47.
Passes Attempted: †55. Glenn Dobbs, San Francisco, '48.
Passes Completed: †27. Glenn Dobbs, San Francisco, '48.
Yards Gained Passing: †405. Glenn Dobbs, San Francisco, '48.
Total Offense: †431 yards. Glenn Dobbs, San Francisco, '48.
Yards Gained Catching Passes: 134, Joe Aguirre, San Francisco, '48.
Best Punting Record: 6 for 336 yards. Glenn Dobbs, Buffalo, '48.
Most Kick Returns: 6. Chuck Fenenbock, Cleveland and Buffalo, '47.
Scoring Record: †18 points. John Kimbrough, Buffalo, '46 and Baltimore, '47.
Most Field Goals: *3. Ben Agajanian, Brooklyn, '47.

*Tied All-time Major League record by placement.
†All-America Conference record.

Dons' Team Records

One Game Records

Most Points Scored: 62. Buffalo. '46 (†9 touchdowns).
Most Yards Gained Rushing: 286. Cleveland, '46.
Most Yards Gained Passing: †405. San Francisco, '48.
Most Passes Attempted: †56. San Francisco, '48.
Most Passes Completed: †27. San Francisco, '48.
Best Total Offense: †607 yards. Buffalo, '46.
Most First Downs: 22. San Francisco, '48.
Most Penalties Against: 8, Buffalo, '46; New York, '47; San Francisco, '48, Baltimore, '48.

Defensive Records

Fewest Rushing Attempts: 17 by Miami, '46.
Fewest Yards Gained: †18 by Miami, '46.
Fewest Passes Attempted: 8 by Buffalo, '46.
Fewest Passes Completed: 3 by Buffalo, '46.
Fewest Punts: †1 by San Francisco, '47.
Fewest First Downs Rushing: †0 by Miami, '46 (at L.A.).
Fewest First Downs Passing: †0 by Miami, '46 (at Miami).
Fewest Points Scored: †0 by Baltimore, '47; Chicago, '48; Brooklyn, '48.
Most Fumbles: 7 by Chicago, '48.

Season Records

Most Yards Gained Rushing: 549 yards in '46.
Most Yards Gained Passing: 2497 yards in '48.
Most Passes Attempted: 406 in '48.
Most Passes Completed: †195 in '48.
Total Offense: 4142 yards in '46.
Most Punts: 76 in '48.
Best Punting Record: *76 for 3584 yards in '48. (Avg. 47.2)
Scoring Record: 328 points in '47.
Most First Downs: 184 in '48.
Most Penalties: 77 for 745 yards in '48.
Most Fumbles: 36 in '48.
Most Field Goals Attempted: 24 in '47.
Most Field Goals Scored: *15 in '47.
†All-America Conference Record.
*Best All-Time Major League Record.

JOE AGUIRRE—END Age 30 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 225
(uh-gear'-ee)

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Major League Football: Washington Redskins, 1941-45; Los Angeles Dons, 1946-48.

A real "old pro" as well as All-Pro (1944), Aguirre was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and played his prep ball at Ogden, Utah, H.S.

Aguirre was a brilliant collegiate end at St. Mary's and has been playing football ever since except for a hitch in the Merchant Marine in 1942.

Aguirre led all Don ends last year in pass receiving, taking 38 Dobbs' passes for 599 yards and nine scores. In 1946, he set an all-time mark for conversions in a single game, when he kicked 8 points after touchdown in the Dons 62-14 rout of Buffalo.

Joe, a sinewy lad of Basque descent, keeps his weight under control in spite of the fact that he's the heartiest eater on the Don squad.

Aguirre operates a boy's camp at Pacific, California in the offseason.

He is married, has a son and daughter.

BURR BALDWIN—END Age 27 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 200

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1947-48.

Born in Bakersfield, California. Won his first honors at Bakersfield High when he was selected All-San Joaquin Valley end, an area that traditionally feeds great prep stars to Calfornia colleges.

Baldwin played at U.C.L.A. in 1941-42-46, achieving almost unanimous All-American choice in his senior year, when his sensational pass-catching was the major reason the Bruins went to the Rose Bowl.

After being chosen All-American as a receiver, Baldwin proceeded to confound the experts by making his mark in the pro ranks as a defensive end. Holding down the Dons left flank in company with All-Pro tackle Bob Reinhard, Baldwin has made that area all but impenetrable. Has an uncanny ability for staying on his feet.

Baldwin was an Army Infantry Captain from May, 1943 to July, 1946. During his first year of military service he played with Camp Davis, N.C.

Baldwin won Knute Rockne Trophy as Outstanding Lineman in 1946.

He is married and has a son, Burr Jr.

JOHN BROWN—CENTER Age 27 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 232
NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1947-48.

A product of the Gary, Indiana sandlots and high schools, (Roosevelt), an originating point for so many great players, John "The Body" Brown played at North Carolina College in 1941-42-46, sandwiching in four years as an Army sergeant, and an appearance in the "Spaghetti Bowl" in Italy, Jan. 1, 1945.

John was named as the outstanding Negro center in the U.S. in 1946, and was the first of many Negro players since signed by the Dons.

Of Brown, and his tremendous play during the Dons' intra-squad and exhibition season this year, Los Angeles Examiner columnist Vincent X. Flaherty said, "Brown is just beginning to learn football this year. He's always been good, but is on his way to becoming great." Brown, incidentally, was the boyhood hero of another Gary lad now with the Dons —freshman George Taliaferro.

Brown is married.

WALT (HATCHET) CLAY—FULLBACK, Age 25, Ht. 5.11, Wt. 198
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
Major League Football: Chicago Rockets, 1946; Los Angeles Dons, 1947-8.

Walt was born in Erie, Colorado, and graduated from Longmont (Colo.) High in 1941 as an All-State fullback.

He played one year of football for Colorado, and made All-Big 7 in his frosh year. At that point he joined the Marines, and learned the rest of his ball in one of the fastest leagues of all. He starred for the famed El Toro Marines in 1944 and '45.

When the El Toro squad was moved almost bodily into Chicago as the Rockets of the budding AAFC, Clay went along. The Dons procured him in 1947, and he has been valuable ever since. He spins well, hits hard, is fine on defense, and is an excellent downfield blocker and tackler. One of Clay's touchdowns achieved a measure of immortality last year, when L. A. Daily News photog Nils Ljungquist snapped a picture that won the annual "Best Sports Picture of the Year" award. Clay is pictured driving through a big hole for a touchdown as Cleveland defender Tony Adamle, in a desperate effort to reach him, tackles the goalpost.

Clay is married and has a son.

HARPER (JULIE) DAVIS—HALFBACK, Age 24, Ht. 5.11, Wt. 175
MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE

Major League Football: None.

During the war years in California, 1944 to be exact, an 18-year-old stripling fresh out of high school went out for football at St. Mary's Preflight. The naval squad was studded with outstanding pro and college players and was one of the nation's veriest powerhouses.

Oddly enough (at least the Western press thought so) the star of the team turned out to be the slat-thin kid. He ran with phenomenal brilliance under the name of Julie Davis.

But he was an aviation cadet, and soon moved on to bigger things.

He was not heard from again in the west, not under the name of Julie Davis. Everyone wondered what had become of him.

Meanwhile, down South, a back named Harper Davis was beginning to make a name. In 1945, he made All-Southeastern Conference halfback. In 1946, he teamed with Shorty McWilliams to make Mississippi State a much-feared aggregation. Finally the story drifted West—the lad's full name was Harper Julius Davis; the missing star was found.

Davis continued to star with McWilliams for the Maroons in 1947-8, and together they transferred to the Dons for 1949. A sprinter, Davis runs the century in 9.9.

He is married.

GLENN DOBBS—HALFBACK Age 27 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 215
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA

Major League Football: Brooklyn Dodgers, 1946; Los Angeles Dons, 1947-48.

The world's greatest tailback was born in McKinney, Texas, and played his first formal football at Frederick, Oklahoma, High School. It was there that Glenn Dobbs initiated his matchless record of always being the standout player wherever he's placed his cleats. He was All-Oklahoma as a prep, All-American at Tulsa (1940-42) in his senior year, the outstanding player in the Sugar Bowl game of 1943 (when he completed 8 consecutive passes against Tennessee), the outstanding player in the 1943 College All-Star game, All-Service with Randolph Field as an Air Corps lieutenant, and, upon turning pro, the MOST VALUABLE PLAYER in the All-America Conference, 1946.

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Dobbs led the All-America Conference last year in total offense, leaving shattered records strewn in his wake. One of them was an all-time record of 460 plays good for 2,942 yards.

In addition to his running and passing, Dobbs set a new world's punting record, booming 68 kicks for 3,336 yards, or 49.1 yards average. He kicked seven of the ten longest Conference punts.

And on defense, though he's seldom used, he's without peer.

Dobbs is married, has two small sons, and resides in La Canada, Calif., in the offseason.

Dobbs is in great and constant demand as a luncheon and dinner speaker, and his facility in this role has helped the Dons to build thousands of new fans.

JOHN DONALDSON—HALFBACK, Age 23, Ht. 5.10, Wt. 180
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Major League Football: None.

Johnny Donaldson was one of the pleasant surprises of the Dons' 1949 training camp. The Dons entered camp with one of the finest halfback rosters in football, men with names far more prominent than that of Donaldson.

Yet none of them looked better than the jet-fast Georgian. He was used at tailback and wingback—and led the Rookies to a 19-10 victory over the Vets in the Dons' annual intra-squad game.

Donaldson was born in Jesup, Georgia, and graduated from high school there in 1944, after captaining the team.

He began at Georgia in 1945. In 1946, playing alongside Charley Trippi, Donaldson was leading the Italian ace in scoring when he suffered a leg injury. He still finished second. He also led Don Faurot's Jacksonville Navy team in scoring in 1944, during a brief service hitch.

Donaldson finished at Georgia in 1948. A clean-living lad, and zealously determined, Donaldson appears an excellent pro prospect. He swears he won't marry till he's made his mark in football—determination indeed.

DAN DWORSKY—QUARTERBACK, Age 21, Ht. 6.0, Wt. 211
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Major League Football: None.

In this day and age of football specialists, Dan Dworsky carried specialization to the ultimate—he was universally acclaimed as the best collegiate

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linebacker seen in the U.S. in years. If Michigan was able to claim successive national titles in 1947 and '48, much of the credit must be given to the Wolverines' impenetrable defense, and the fact that brother Dworsky was socking his 211 pounds into all holes that might have been opened in his forward wall. He was also defensive captain.

Dan was born in Minneapolis, and graduated from Washington High of Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1945. He made All-State fullback two years.

He played at Michigan at center and fullback from 1945 through 1948, making All-American honors. Other honors included the Fielding H. Yost Scholarship Award.

Coach Phelan plans to use Dworsky as a linebacker on defense and blocking quarter on offense.

Dworsky's hobbies are varied. He likes to play symphonic records, plays classical piano, and wrestles. (Was second in Big Nine heavyweight wrestling in 1946.)

Dworsky is single, and studies at Michigan in the offseason in architecture.

LEONARD FORD—END Age 23 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 235
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1948.

Len Ford was born in Washington, D.C., and played his first football for Armstrong High School in the nation's capital. He made All-City there in 1942-43.

Ford then enrolled at Morgan State at Baltimore in 1944, achieving All-C.I.A.A. honors in his initial year.

Following a tour of naval duty, Ford transferred to Michigan in 1945. The mastoDON end was chosen All-American in 1946 and 1947. He was a major factor on Michigan's matchless Rose Bowl squad of 1947, and thoroughly sold himself to Los Angeles fans when he helped massacre the S.C. Trojans on January 1, 1948.

Of Ford, Coach Jimmy Phelan has said, "He can become the greatest all-round end in history. He has everything—great size, speed, strength, sure hands."

Ford was the AAFC's top rookie end last season in the statistics department. He not only led all Conference ends in pass yardage average with 19.3 yards for 31 catches, but scored seven touchdowns.

Ford is unmarried.

DALE GENTRY—END Age 30 Ht. 6.3 Wt. 202
WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1946-47-48.

When he came to the Dons in 1946, the Pacific Northwest's big end had more than seven years of topnotch football behind him.

Born in Umapine, Oregon in 1919, Gentry played football at Washington's Walla Walla High School and, in 1939, entered Washington State College. The towering Gentry frame lent itself well to the Cougar's brand of ball—so well, in fact, that in his senior year he was named All-American.

Gentry joined the Navy Air Corps in 1942 and, while earning his wings, managed to pick up more pigskin experience playing with potent St. Mary's Pre-flight in 1942, 1943 and 1946.

Signed to play with the Dons in 1946, Gentry began to capitalize on his previous football experience. In 1946 and 1947, the capable wingman caught 46 passes, covered a total of 693 yards and made 5 touchdowns. In 1948, he snagged 28 for a substantial 11 yards per.

A decided athlete and lover of the out of doors, Gentry lists as his hobbies hunting and flying. During the off-season he plays professional basketball or works on the family farm in Washington.

He is married and has one son.

BILLY GRIMES—HALFBACK Age 22 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 192
OKLAHOMA A. & M. COLLEGE
Major League Football: None.

Billy Grimes may be Phelan's No. 1 right halfback, if his sensational performance in training camp before he sustained a neck injury is any indication. The "Comanche Kid" has size, speed and a world of strength.

Billy was born in County Line, Oklahoma, and made All-State at Comanche (Okla.) High School in 1944. He entered A. & M. in 1945, and first met his future coach, Phelan, in the Sugar Bowl game of 1946 against St. Mary's. Billy spent 1946 as a paratrooper, and gridded for the 11th Airborne. He returned to A. & M. in 1947-48, playing in the Delta Bowl against William & Mary in 1949.

Grimes was also a track star at A. & M., running the low hurdles and broadjumping over 24 feet.

Grimes joins two schoolmates on the Don roster, Fullback Jim Spavital and Trainer Byron Bird. Bird, incidentally, was rated as one of the greatest

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blocking backs in the school's history prior to the loss of a leg in the invasion of Saipan.

Grimes is married and has two sons, one a tow-headed facsimile of his dad.

ED HENKE—TACKLE Age 21 Ht. 6.3 Wt. 217
VENTURA JUNIOR COLLEGE (1946-7)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (1948)
Major League Football: None.

Ed Henke was born in Ontario, Calif., and graduated from Ventura, Calif., High School in 1945, where he starred in football and the sprints.

He entered Ventura J.C. in 1946 and 1947, transferring to S.C. for 1948. Although he played but one year of major college football, his coach, Jeff Cravath, regarded him highly—and called him "one of the strongest men I've ever coached." Henke looked especially good in S.C.'s deadlock with Notre Dame in 1948, when he consistently outcharged his opponents. He is big and fast, without an obvious ounce of spare flesh.

Henke is single.

WAYNE (BOB) HOFFMAN—QUARTERBACK,
Age 31 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 220
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Major League Football: Washington Redskins, 1940-41; Los Angeles Rams, 1946-48.

The rugged, lantern-jawed Hoffman has returned to the blocking back position where he gained fame as the last of Howard Jones' great blockers. With the Rams, big Bob was converted into a T formation fullback but now Coach Phelan has completed the cycle and once more the former Trojan will lead the interference.

Born at Blue Star, West Virginia, on December 13, 1917, Hoffman started playing prep football at Montebello, California, High School. He matriculated to USC where he was a member of Troy's victorious Rose Bowl teams of 1939-40 and won All-Coast honors.

He played for the Hollywood Bears and Hollywood Rangers in 1943-45 under Paul Schissler and Bill Sargent. He was a corporal in the Air Force, stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado and with the First Motion Picture Unit at Culver City.

In the off-season, Bob is a motion picture cameraman at Warner Brothers Studio. He is married and lives in Burbank.

LEW HOLDER—END Age 25 Ht. 6.0 Wt. 191
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Major League Football: None.

Lew Holder is in the best tradition of Southwest Conference ends. He is fast, agile, a good faker, and can catch any pass in his general vicinity.

Lew was born in Dallas, and was named All-State in his senior year (1942) at that city's Wilson High. He was also a sprint relay star.

Holder spent the next three years in the Army Air Force as a lieutenant.

He played at Texas in 1946-47-48. He not only rolled up most playing time last season on the Longhorn varsity, but made All-Southwest at end. His Sugar Bowl performance in 1948 was superb. He intercepted one Alabama pass for a touchdown, and recovered a fumble to set up another.

The Dons' fastest end plans to become a lawyer, like his father, mother, and brother-in-law. There's one family that won't need a lawyer.

Holder is single.

EARL (DIXIE) HOWELL—HALFBACK
Age 25 Ht. 5.10 Wt. 189
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Major League Football: None.

Dixie Howell bears a distinguished football name, and gives every indication that he will do it justice.

Dixie is the Dons' fastest player, and may indeed, because of his weight, be the fastest man in the U.S. in a football suit. He's built to pack a high impost. As proof of his speed, Dixie was barely nipped by Tulane's famed sprint star, Paul Bienz, in the 1948 Southeastern Conference track finals. Howell ran 9.7 in the century, 21.5 in the furlong.

Dixie was born in Talladega, Alabama, and played for that city's high school in 1939-40-41. Then came Ole Miss, where Dixie cavorted in 1942-46-47-48. A stint with the Marines as lieutenant occupied his time in 1943-44-45, including some V-12 football for Muhlenberg College in 1944.

Dixie was one of Charley Conerly's favorite pass targets at Miss, and lists as one of his biggest thrills the time he lugged a Conerly aerial 13 yards through four T.C.U. players for a score. The touchdown gave the Rebs a 13-9 victory in the 1948 Delta Bowl game.

Howell specialized in long touchdown runs during his rah-rah days, and was chosen the outstanding back in the last North-South game in Miami.

Howell is single.

ED KELLEY—TACKLE Age 25 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 230
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Major League Football: None.

Kelley was born in Sugarland, Texas, and graduated from Jefferson Davis High School of Houston in 1942. He captained the team, played end in those days, and twice was voted All-District.

Kelley began his career as a Longhorn in 1942. Then followed three years of naval service—after which he returned to Texas in 1946-47-48.

Kelley was voted Texas' outstanding lineman in the Sugar Bowl game against Alabama in 1948.

Big, rangy, and exceedingly fast for his poundage, Kelley also starred in basketball at Texas.

He plans eventually to coach football.

Kelley is married.

BOB KENNEDY—HALFBACK Age 20 Ht. 6.0 Wt. 178
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Major League Football: None.

A 10-second sprinter, Kennedy joins other Tarheels Hosea Rodgers and Ernie Williamson now with the Dons.

Kennedy was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, and finished at Bergenfield, N.J., High in 1945, when he made All-League.

He then went South to North Carolina, and played Carl Snavely's single-wing (he was the wing) in 1945-46-47-48.

Kennedy played an excellent defensive game in the 1949 Sugar Bowl against Oklahoma.

He is single.

AL LOLOTAI—GUARD Age 28 Ht. 6.0 Wt. 230
(lo-lo-ti)
WEBER COLLEGE

Major League Football: Washington Redskins, 1945; Los Angeles Dons, 1946-48.

Now in his fifth season of major league football, powerful Al Lolotai hails from the town of Laie, on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, where he was born June 22, 1921.

One of the best downfield blockers in football today, Lolotai began his football career at Honolulu's Loloani High School where, in 1940, he made the Interscholastic All-Star squad. During his high school years he

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also starred in basketball and track.

Football became his exclusive preoccupation, however, when he entered Weber College in Utah in 1941. Noted for its ability to draw top athletic talent from the Hawaiian Islands, the Utah J.C. apparently suited Al. In 1942, as captain of their squad, he was named All-Rocky Mountain League Guard.

Rugged consistency is the full-blooded Samoan's forte. Never one for slap-dash, quiet Al Lolotai keeps in condition during the off-season months defending his title as heavyweight wrestling champ of the Hawaiian Islands.

He is married.

TOM (SHORTY) McWILLIAMS—HALFBACK

Age 23 Ht. 5.11 Wt. 185

ARMY (1945)

MISSISSIPPI STATE (1944-46-47-48)

Major League Football: None.

Shorty McWilliams, a product of Meridian, Mississippi, played five incredible years of collegiate varsity football, beginning with his freshman year at Mississippi State in 1944, when he was picked as the Southeastern Conference's Most Valuable Player, and second-team All America.

The next year Shorty moved into West Point, and became a member of one of the greatest backfields in history—along with Glenn Davis, Doc Blanchard and Arnold Tucker.

Shorty returned to Mississippi State in 1946, and wore the Maroon for the next three seasons. While there, he teamed with another Don rookie named Harper Davis to comprise one of the nation's best halfback combinations.

Shorty is a genuine triple-threater, running well, passing accurately and punting the longest boot in the 1949 College All-Star game in Chicago. In addition he's a tartar on defense, hard to fool on passes and a vicious tackler.

McWilliams is married, and has one child.

GEORGE MURPHY—QUARTERBACK

Age 22 Ht. 6.0 Wt. 200

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Major League Football: None.

An excellent example of the Phelan touch is the transformation of George Murphy from a T-formation quarterback to a blocking back.

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"Murph" was a four year letterman for Jeff Cravath at USC, starting in 1944, with the next year out for Navy duty.

In 1945, he was a member, along with fellow rookie, Jim Spavital of the powerful San Diego Navy eleven and came out of service with a seamen's first class rating. George Patrick was born on May 10, 1927 in Santa Monica. Besides playing football at Loyola High School, Murphy was a member of the basketball and track teams.

His greatest sport thrill occurred in the Trojans' 1947 game with California at Berkeley. After the Golden Bears had scored a touchdown on the second play of the game, USC came back, with George barking signals, to tally twice in nine minutes and go on to a 39-14 victory. It was this win that gave the Trojans the dubious honor of meeting Michigan in the 1948 Rose Bowl.

He is single and lives in Los Angeles with his parents.

BOB NELSON—CENTER Age 29 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 210
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Major League Football: Detroit Lions, 1941, 1945; Los Angeles Dons, 1946-48.

The son of a university professor, Bob Nelson comes by his academic bent naturally. Which means that the Dons' "Bounding Barrister," nearing his law degree at Baylor, will probably handle Blackstone as easily as he does opposing centers.

Bob played his first football at Bryan, Texas, High School, and was selected All-Southern Prep. He moved on to Baylor from 1938 through 1940, making All-American in his final season. After captaining the West squad in the 1941 East-West game, Bob turned pro with Detroit. He entered the Navy in 1942, playing for Great Lakes and the fabulous Fleet City Bluejackets.

Since joining the Dons in 1946, Bob has been selected All-Conference three straight years, which is brief proof of the Dons' contention that he's just about the top center in football.

Nelson is a tireless scrapper, and energizes his teammates with his spirit.

Married, with two sons.

MIKE PERROTTI—TACKLE Age 26 Ht. 6.3 Wt. 245
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY (1942)
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (1947)
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1948.

Mike Perrotti was one of the outstanding freshman tackles in the AAFC

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last year.

Big, rough,and willing, Mike was born in Cleveland, Ohio, (and confesses that nothing would make him happier than to beat the Cleveland Browns) and made All-State at Collinwood High in 1941.

Perrotti played a year at Ohio State in 1942. For the next three years he forgot football and applied himself to the task of an infantry sergeant.

Then he entered Cincinnati and starred there in 1947.

Perrotti is married.

KNOX RAMSEY—GUARD Age 23 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 216
WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1948.

"Speed" and "Mary" have played important parts in this young man's life; he was born in Speed, Indiana, and has lots of it. His home town is Maryville, Tennessee; he attended Maryville High School and graduated from William and Mary College in 1947.

Ramsey's tremendous capacity for vigorous scrapping made him thrice-named for All-Southern honors.

This Don sophomore, who takes his ball as seriously as any player in the All-America Conference, is considered a candidate for future all-pro honors. While an excellent subject for sportswriters' polls, this good-looking guard is considered an equally good subject for a cameraman's lens.

Pro football is a Ramsey family affair. His brother Gerrard is a star guard for the Chicago Cardinals.

Knox is married.

BOB REINHARD—TACKLE Age 28 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 236
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1946-48.

Captain Bob Reinhard of the Dons was born in Hollywood and attended Glendale High School, making All-League tackle with another youngster who has since made good—Quarterback Frankie Albert. But ever since prep days, Bob and Frankie have been on opposite sides of the football fence. In business, however, in the off-season they still work together as public relations representatives for Golden State Dairy.

Reinhard was twice an almost unanimous All-American tackle at California (1940-41).

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After three years as a naval lieutenant, during which he played no football, Bob joined the Dons in 1946. He promptly became an almost perpetual All-Conference tackle. In fact, Reinhard is regarded by many experts as the finest tackle in football today. Despite his size, he has such speed that he played fullback for the Dons in 1947. And he was second only to his present teammate, Glenn Dobbs, in Conference punting in 1946, averaging 45.4 yards. An outstanding team leader, Bob topped all Dons in playing time last season.

He is married and has three offspring.

HOSEA RODGERS—FULLBACK Age 27 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 192
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (1942)
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA (1943-46-47-48)
Major League Football: None.

A real veteran of wartime collegiate football, Hosea Rodgers played five years of varsity football, interspersed with three years as a Marine lieutenant, and a season with the Marine All-Stars at Pearl Harbor in 1945.

Rodgers came to the Dons with a reputation as the best collegiate spinning fullback in the U.S.

The lad with the Biblical first name is a native of Brewton, Alabama, where he was named All-Southern at the local high school in his senior year (1942). He entered Alabama that same year and began playing frosh football. He played in a frosh game on a Friday afternoon, and was advanced to the varsity for a game the next day . . . against Pensacola Naval Air. Ironically, he found himself playing against his old high school coach, now a lieutenant. He ran around his old mentor's end for a long score, accompanied all the way by cries of "Run, Hosea, run," from his proud tutor.

Rodgers transferred to North Carolina the next year. Altogether, Rodgers played in three Bowl games one Orange and two Sugar.

He is married and has a small daughter.

JIM SPAVITAL—FULLBACK Age 22 Ht. 6.1 Wt. 215
(spav-uh-tall')
OKLAHOMA A. & M.
Major League Football: None.

Jim Spavital is another Don of distinction. He holds the national collegiate record for punt returns, which was formerly held by U.C.L.A.'s Jackie Robinson (the baseball star). Spav returned 17 punts for 394 yards in 1947, averaging 23.2 yards to Robinsons 21.0.

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Spavital was born in Oklahoma City, and played his prep ball for Central High of Edmond, Oklahoma, graduating in 1944. He toiled for A. & M. in 1944, 1946-47-48, spending 1945 with San Diego Navy's great football club. While a tar, he was timed at 9.8 for a hundred—exceptional time for a 215-pounder.

Spavital captained the Aggies, and lists as his most frustrating day the game against U.S.F. in 1948. Spav grabbed a punt and ran it 70 yards for a touch. Soon after he ran 90 yards for another. Both jaunts were called back for minor infractions by his overly-helpful teammates.

Spavital is married.

GEORGE TALIAFERRO—HALFBACK
(tal-ee-uh-fair'-o)
UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA
Age 22 Ht. 5.11 Wt. 195
Major League Football: None.

The No. 1 draft choice of the Chicago Bears as well as the Los Angeles Dons, Taliaferro is expected to team with Glenn Dobbs to provide the Dons with the greatest one-two punch in football.

George was born in Tennessee, but was raised in Gary, Indiana, and played his first football there for Roosevelt High. He entered Indiana U. in 1945, and proceeded to run wild in his freshman year, scoring three times against Minnesota and toting back the opening kickoff 97 yards.

He played Army football with Camp Lee in 1946, was bothered at Indiana by a bad knee in 1947, but in 1948 regained his freshman brilliance and was picked as an I.N.S. All-America. Taliaferro is a hard, slashing runner, a fine passer, and a 40-yards-plus punter. He is also brilliant defensively. In Indiana's first five games last year, he played 260 minutes out of a possible 300. He gained two-thirds of his team's total yardage.

But the best way to judge the worth of a back is to ask opposing linemen. Capt. Dom Tomasi of Michigan said of the "Wabash Cannonball"—"Taliaferro is the best back I ever saw." Radio's Tommy Harmon said, "best college tailback I've seen in years."

Taliaferro is unmarried.

ROBERT (BUDDY) TINSLEY—TACKLE
Age 25 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 245
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Major League Football: None.

Buddy Tinsley came to the Dons with two of the best possible recom-

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mendations. One came from the Dons' perpetual All-Conference center, Bob Nelson, who often returns to his alma mater at Baylor to help coach spring practice. Nelson said of Tinsley, "a terriffic pro prospect." The other tip came from Baylor's head coach, Bob Woodruff.

Tinsley was born in Damon, Texas, and played prep football for Barber's Hill in the Lone Star State, graduating in 1942. He then performed for Baylor from 1942-46-47-48, with three years out for naval duty. He captained the Bears, and made All-Southwest Conference tackle for two years.

Tinsley's hobby is hunting. He plays no favorites, going after alligator, wildcats, panthers, deer, and ornery human critters who try to rustle cattle on the range he works as a fence-rider in the off-season.

Tinsley is married.

HERMAN WEDEMEYER—HALFBACK
(weed'-uh-mire)

Age 25 Ht. 5.10 Wt. 185

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Major League Football: Los Angeles Dons, 1948.

One of the most brilliant tailbacks ever developed in American college football, hula-hipped Hawaiian Wedemeyer was born at Hilo and finished his high school football at St. Louis of Honolulu in 1942, in the shadow of Pearl Harbor.

He enrolled at St. Mary's in 1943, and as a freshman threw two touchdown passes against the favored East in the Annual Shrine Game in San Francisco in 1944.

Then followed a year as a Naval Aviation Cadet. Wedey returned to St. Mary's in 1945, and was named All-American under his present coach, Jim Phelan. No less an authority than Grantland Rice called him one of the greatest players he'd ever seen following the Sugar Bowl game against Oklahoma A. & M. in 1946.

Wedey continued to star at St. Mary's in 1947, and joined the Dons last season. He promptly led the All-America Conference in punt returns.

Wedey, who plays golf and baseball nearly as well as he passes, punts and runs, is married and has two children.

BEN WHALEY—GUARD Age 22 Ht. 5.11 Wt. 210

VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

Major League Football: None.

Ben Whaley came into training camp bearing the rather obvious nick-

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name, "Whale," But the handle was soon changed to "Cat"—inasmuch as no whale could possibly be so fast and agile. Whaley also reported to camp as a tackle, a position where he had made All-C.I.A.A. and Negro All-American four straight years (Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender).

He displayed his talents for Virginia State in 1944-46-47-48, with a year's play for the Montford Point, N.C., Marines in 1945.

Whaley aspires to become a recreational director once his football days are over. Off his present play, that date is far in the future. His chief hobby is semi-classical music.

Whaley is single.

DICK WILKINS—END Age 24 Ht. 6.2 Wt. 192
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Major League Football: None.

Wilkins may be the Dons answer to such ballhawk ends as Speedie and Lavelli of Cleveland and Beals of San Francisco.

Wilkins never played football till his senior year at Oregon (1948). His grid debut could not have been more auspicious. He promptly made All-Coast end! And in doing so, Wilkins set two new Coast Conference records for pass receiving, 27 receptions for 520 yards. Wilkins also lugged the leather across enemy goal lines five times, once to beat S.C., 8-7.

Wilkins has great speed and fine hands, as evidenced by the fact that he holds the Coast Conference 4-year scoring record in basketball, 643 points. He twice made All-Coast in the hoop sport.

Wilkins is a product of Eugene, Oregon, home of the state university.

ERNIE WILLIAMSON—TACKLE Age 25 Ht. 6.4 Wt. 250
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Major League Football: Washington Redskins, 1947; New York Giants, 1948.

The biggest man on the squad, Ernie Williamson was born September 9, 1923, in Crewe, Virginia.

Along with fullback Hosea Rodgers, he was a member of North Carolina's 1947 Sugar Bowl team that lost to Georgia, 20 to 10. One of the Bulldog stars at the New Orleans classic was fellow rookie, Johnny Donaldson.

Williamson attended the Newport News, Va., Apprentice School in 1942 and was called to Navy service in 1943.

He is married and has a year-old son.

ABNER WIMBERLY—END Age 23 Ht. 6.1½ Wt. 212
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Major League Football: None.

This lad never played high school football, because his school at Oak Ridge, La., did not indulge in the sport.

Wimberly overcame this handicap by making the varsity at Louisiana State in his frosh year, and scoring a touchdown in his first game.

He played for the Tigers in 1943-46-47-48, with naval service accounting for the chronological gap. He played so well that his coach, Gaynell Tinsley, (a two-time All-Pro, and the gent who practically invented end play) called him in 1948, "the best all-round end in football today." He was also elected by his mates as "L.S.U.'s Most Valuable Player." He was beaten out by one vote for All-Conference end by Barney Poole, now of N.Y. He was mentioned on A.P.'s "Lineman of the Week" selections for five straight weeks.

Wimberly is unmarried.

DICK WOODARD—CENTER Age 23 Ht. 6.2 Wt. 220
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Major League Football: None.

The Dons' new center, who seems destined to achieve his fame as a vicious linebacker, played his prep football at Fort Dodge, Iowa, High School, and was named All-State.

He began as a halfback at Iowa in 1944, but when he returned from naval duty in 1946, Coach Anderson shifted him to center. Woodard starred at this position for the next three years, and captained the Hawkeyes in his final season. He was undoubtedly the luckiest captain in the Big Nine, as he won the coin-flips eight out of eight times. He was unlucky in another direction, though. A shoulder dislocation necessitated the wearing of a restraining-chin, so that Woodard couldn't raise his left arm.

Woodard is unmarried.

All ages correct as of September 1, 1949. Thirty-four men are listed, with a final roster of thirty-two to be selected by September 2, 1949.

1949 Dons' Itinerary

AT SAN FRANCISCO, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Leave Los Angeles, Sept. 17 (a.m.) Arrive San Francisco, Sept. 17 (noon).

ALEXANDER HAMILTON HOTEL, September 17-18.

AT NEW YORK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Leave San Francisco, Sept. 19 (a.m.). Arrive New York, Sept. 19 (p.m.).

HENRY HUDSON HOTEL, Sept. 19-22.

AT CLEVELAND, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Leave New York, Sept. 23 (a.m.). Arrive Hershey, Pa., Sept. 23, (p.m.).

HERSHEY COMMUNITY INN, September 23-30.

Leave Hershey, Pa., Oct. 1 (p.m.). Arrive Cleveland, Oct. 1 (p.m.)

HOTEL CLEVELAND, October 1.

Leave Cleveland, Oct. 2 (p.m.). Arrive Los Angeles, Oct. 3 (a.m.).

AT BUFFALO, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Leave Los Angeles, Oct. 20 (p.m.). Arrive Buffalo, Oct. 21 (a.m.).

HOTEL STATLER, October 21-23.

AT CHICAGO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Leave Buffalo, Oct. 24 (p.m.). Arrive Chicago, Oct. 24 (p.m.).

DEL PRADO HOTEL, October 24-28.

Leave Chicago, Oct. 29 (a.m.). Arrive Los Angeles, Oct. 29 (p.m.).

AT BALTIMORE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Leave Los Angeles, Nov. 17 (p.m.). Arrive Baltimore, Nov. 18 (a.m.).

SHERATON BELVEDERE, November 18-19.

Leave Baltimore, Nov. 20 (p.m.). Arrive Los Angeles, Nov. 21 (a.m.).

1949 AAFC Schedule

AUGUST	26	(Friday)	Buffalo at Chicago*
	28	(Sunday)	Baltimore at San Francisco
SEPTEMBER	2	(Friday)	Baltimore at Los Angeles*
	4	(Sunday)	Chicago at San Francisco
	4	(Monday)	Cleveland at Buffalo
	9	(Friday)	Chicago at Los Angeles*
	11	(Sunday)	Baltimore at Cleveland
			New York at Buffalo
	16	(Friday)	Baltimore at Chicago*
	18	(Sunday)	New York at Cleveland
			Los Angeles at San Francisco
	22	(Thursday)	Los Angeles at New York*
	25	(Sunday)	Cleveland at Baltimore
			San Francisco at Buffalo
	30	(Friday)	San Francisco at Chicago*
OCTOBER	2	(Sunday)	Baltimore at Buffalo
			Los Angeles at Cleveland
	7	(Friday)	New York at Chicago*
	9	(Sunday)	Buffalo at Los Angeles
			Cleveland at San Francisco
	14	(Friday)	Cleveland at Los Angeles*
	16	(Sunday)	New York at Baltimore
			Buffalo at San Francisco
	23	(Sunday)	Chicago at Baltimore
			San Francisco at New York
			Los Angeles at Buffalo
	28	(Friday)	Los Angeles at Chicago*
	30	(Sunday)	Baltimore at New York
			San Francisco at Cleveland
NOVEMBER	6	(Sunday)	San Francisco at Baltimore
			Buffalo at New York
			Chicago at Cleveland
	13	(Sunday)	Chicago at New York
			Buffalo at Cleveland
			San Francisco at Los Angeles
	20	(Sunday)	Los Angeles at Baltimore
			Cleveland at New York
			Chicago at Buffalo
	24	(Thursday)	Cleveland at Chicago**
			New York at San Francisco**
	27	(Sunday)	Buffalo at Baltimore
			New York at San Francisco
DECEMBER	4	(Sunday)	First Round of Playoffs
	11	(Sunday)	Championship Game

*Indicates Night Game

**Thanksgiving Day Games